

REMARKS

The Advisory Action dated October 22, 2007, and the Final Office Action dated July 9, 2007, have been received and carefully noted. The following remarks and the above amendments are submitted as a supplement to the amendments and arguments presented in Applicants' Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, filed on October 9, 2007, and collectively, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this Supplemental Response, claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-7 and 9-12 are currently pending, of which claims 1, 9, and 11 are independent claims.

In view of the amendments and arguments presented in Applicants' Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, filed on October 9, 2007, and the amendments presented herewith in the Supplemental Response, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-7 and 9-12 are now in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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